

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 8 November 1961

FROM : Acting Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The area staff is playing host to the Inter-Agency Area Roundtable this Thursday. The topic of the meeting is the proposed establishment of an "Area Training Materials Center" at the Foreign Service Institute.

25X1A

25X1A

2. A tentative request for a brief area course on the Middle East, Africa and Southeast Asia has been received from Biographic Register [] for the benefit of approximately 15 analysts. I expect to discuss this again with [] early next week. Incidentally, NE, just before my illness laid me low, requested another running this fall of the Middle East briefing which has been given four times now.

25X1A

3. Once again AAO experience has impressed upon me the lack of knowledge on the part of younger personnel and those with no or little college of significant developments in recent U. S. history. Persons going [] aware of the Truman Doc [] and even, in too many cases, of the Marshall Plan; these very names, to say nothing of the details, are unknown. Is my reaction to this situation attributable to an exaggerated feeling of importance of my subject? Or do others in O/TR feel that too many of our people going overseas lack adequate historical understanding of the U. S. in the modern world?

25X1A

4. [] was personally invited by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the Internal Security Subcommittee to participate in a nation-wide Symposium on anti-Communism education below the expert level. The aim is primarily to develop an alert and well-informed citizenry adequately equipped to meet the problems of the Sino-Soviet

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Communist propaganda offensive. The General Counsel's office has suggested not accepting the invitation.

25X1A

5. [] has returned from her week's hobnobbing with the U. S. cabinet in Japan and has given us her report on the excitement of life at that level.



25X1A

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~